7 July 1983 MJN 8313

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

THROUGH:

Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT:

Monthly Report--Jordan Bureau--June 1983

I. GENERAL

Much of the bureau's file this month was generated by the continuing mutiny within the main faction of the PLO, the Fatah movement and the numerous charges of Syrian and Libyan involvement in it. Along with an escalation of the fighting between the dissidents and mainstream forces, there were extensive contacts and travels by various Arab leaders including 'Arafat and Al-Qadhdhafi. The Fatah central committee and the revolutionary council also met and on the 24th 'Arafat was informed of the Syrian authorities' desire for him to leave the country. He departed immediately for Tunis.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Editorial/monitorial

The Bureau's reception of Baghdad Voice of PLO has precluded coverage of the beginning portion of the program ever since the radio expanded its transmission from 1600-1700 GMT to 1530-1700 GMT. Nicosia's reception of the initial portion of the program has been better than Jordan's with the result that since 23 June we have been splitting coverage of this program. Nicosia covers the program from sign-on until advised by Jordan that we can assume coverage, usually shortly after 1600 GMT.

B. Lateral Services

In response to a request from London Bureau we pouched four videotapes, two from Damascus television and two from Amman television, for a BBC consumer who had requested Arabic video recordings.

III. ADMINISTRATION

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